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Petersburg, January 30. O. S.

THE Czar, on the Road to Olonicz, was taken with a violent Cold, which obliged him to retire for ſome Days to a Monaſtery, where the Czarina overtook him, and having ſtaid ſome Days together, they both departed thence the 25th Inſtant, and continued their Journey towards Olonicz. Two Days ago arrived at this Place M. Oſterman, his Czariſh Majeſty's ſecond Plenipotentiary at the Congreſs held at Aland; 'tis thought he only comes to give an Account of what has been tranſacted at that Place, and that he is to return thither with new Inſtructions, as ſoon as this Court ſhall be ſatisfied that the Queen of Sweden will renew the Conferences.

Hambourg, Feb. 28. The young Duke of Holſtein, Charles Frederick, has reſolved to form his Court as Duke of Holſtein; and to this End has ſent Orders to ſome Perſons who ſerved his Father, to come with all convenient Speed into Sweden, where he intends to reeſtabliſh them in their former Stations. Two of thoſe Gentlemen are now here, and intend to ſet out for Sweden by the Way of Lubeck in a few Days. And as theſe Perſons are not at all Baron Goertz's Friends, but quite of an oppoſite Party, it ſeems the Duke deſigns to abandon that Miniſter and all his Adherents. 'Tis reported the King of Denmark intends to ſend Commiſſaries to the Iſland Moen, to treat there with Swediſh Commiſſaries concerning an Exchange of Priſoners.

Copenhagen, Feb. 18. The Sound and Belts are frozen up. The Hambourg Poſt which ſhould have come on the 13th, did not arrive till to Day; and they were obliged to cut their Way through the Ice on the great Belt.

Lisbon, Feb. 27. The Crown, a Britiſh Man of Man of War, coming Convoy from England with ſeveral Merchant Ships and Store-Ships, ran a-ground at her Entrance into this Port on the 9th Inſtant, about Six in the Evening, near Fort St. Julian. 20 Men of her Company were loſt, the reſt were ſaved. Letters from Madrid of the 10th Inſtant adviſe, that Orders were ſent to Cadiz, for getting ready with all Diligence five Men of War for the Security of their Commerce in America, which are to be commanded by Captain Serrano. Don Pedro de Vaſconcellos, late Ambaſſadour of this Crown at the Court of Spain, returned hither on the 16th Inſtant. Yeſterday a Dutch Ship from Guiney was forced into this Port, having loſt all her Maſts: Off of Madera ſhe was plundered by a Pyrate of ſix Guns and about 120 Men, of which moſt were Engliſh, the reſt French and Dutch.

Naples, Feb. 3. Yeſterday Sir George Byng ſailed from hence with Part of the Britiſh Fleet for Port Mahon. The Charles Galley and the Garland are now at Baya. A Squadron commanded by Captain Matthews is in the Fare of Meſſina, to watch the Motions of Cammock with his Spaniſh Ships of War. We have Advice to Day from Reggio, that the Kent and Royal Oak are there; and that the Grafton and Rocheſter had ſunk a Spaniſh Man of War of 50 Guns in the Bay of Catania.

From on board the Barfleur, off Port Mahon, Feb. 18. Sir George Byng with the Men of War that had been cruiſing all the Winter, has been ever ſince the 2d Inſtant beating up for this Place from Naples. The Men of War are to be refitted in this Port; and as ſoon as they can be got ready for the Sea, Sir George will return with them to Naples. By that Time it is hoped the Emperour's Troops will be ready for their Deſcent on Sicily.

Rome, Feb. 11. On the 7th Inſtant a Man in ordinary Habit came to the Pretender's Apartment, and deſired to ſpeak with him; which being refuſed, he writ a Note and ſent it in, and upon reading it the Pretender admitted him to talk privately with him; what paſſed between them was not known. That Night the Pretender was at the Opera; and about Three the next Morning he ſet out in great Haſte with three Caleſhes and two Men on Horſeback. His Departure was kept ſo private, that on the 8th the Princeſs Ruſpoli having ſent him a Preſent of Wine, it was carried into his Apartment as if he had been there, and an Anſwer was brought out that he returned Thanks to the Princeſs. The ſame Day, about Three in the Afternoon, the Pope ſent for Cardinal Paolucci, and gave into his Hands a Letter which had been brought to him by the Pretender's Secretary, in which he acquainted him with his Departure that Morning before Day, upon an Affair of very great Importance, which would not admit of Delay, nor allow him to take Leave as he ought of his Holineſs.

Leghorne, Feb. 17. Letters from Florence of the 14th Inſtant adviſe, that the Pretender arrived there the 11th at Night, and immediately proceeded towards Bologna. On the 15th came in the Dragon a Britiſh Man of War, which with the Loo is appointed by Sir George Byng to take Care of the Trade to this Port: The ſame Night ſailed the Loo to cruize off Portolongone. A Spaniſh Privateer of 24 Guns is kept in here by the Dragon, as ſhe was before by the Loo. We have Advice from Reggio, that five Spaniſh Ships having ſailed from Palermo for Meſſina, viz. three of them Men of War, one of 70, another of 60, and the other of 40 Guns, and two Ships laden with Ammunition and Proviſions for the Camp at Melazzo, they went round on the Back of the Iſland, and in the Heighth of Syracuſa were met by two Britiſh Men of War, the Grafton, and the Rocheſter, which attacked them; the Spaniſh Ship of 60 Guns ran aſhore in the Gulph of Catania, that of 70 was ſunk, but that of 40 eſcaped and got into Meſſina; the two Ships laden with Stores made off towards the Iſland of Corfu. We have certain Advice, that Sig. Patino, Intendant General of the Spaniſh Army in Sicily, is arrived at Rome, but cannot yet learn what his Buſineſs is there.

Genoa, Feb. 21. By Letters from Rome of the 11th Inſtant we had Advice, that on the 8th the Pretender ſet out from that Place with three Poſt-